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1. SPEAKING AT A PARTY "ANTI-IMPERIALIST" YOUTH RALLY ON
JULY 23 IN CONNECTION WITH THE UPCOMING HAVANA YOUTH FESTIVAL,
PRIME MINISTER MANLEY LAMBISTED THE IMF AND "IMPERIALISTS"
-- THOUGH NOT IDENTIFYING ANY SPECIFIC COUNTRIES AS IMPERIALIST.
THE RALLY, AS REPORTED BY THE MEDIA, WAS WELL ATTENDED AND
INCLUDED A NUMBER OF "YOUTH" DELEGATIONS FROM THE CARIBBEAN
ON THEIR WAY TO HAVANA.

2. MANLEY REPORTEDLY SAID THAT BECAUSE OF THE SHORTAGE OF
FOREIGN EXCHANGE, JAMAICA SOUGHT HELP FROM THE IMF, AND BECAUSE
"THEY HAVE CHARACTERISTICALLY DEMANDED BRUTAL TERMS, THERE IS
A NEW SHEET OF PROPAGANDA LOOSE IN JAMAICA TO TRY TO PERSUADE
THE PEOPLE THAT THIS IS THE FAULT OF SOCIALISM. IT IS NOT
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THE FAULT OF SOCIALISM, IT COULD NOT BE THE FAULT OF
SOCIALISM BECAUSE JAMAICA IS NOT YET A SOCIALIST
COUNTRY..."

3. MANLEY WENT ON TO URGE THE YOUTH TO SUPPORT "SOCIALIST
PRODUCTION IN AGRICULTURE" AND SAID THAT THE SUGAR
COOPERATIVES WOULD NOT BE ABANDONED. ON THE UPCOMING

HAVANA CONFERENCE HE SAID, "IT IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT SEEKS TO BRING TOGETHER THE GREATEST ALLIANCE OF PROGRESSIVE FORCES WORLDWIDE." "CRITICAL ISSUES AT THE CONFERENCE," HE ADDED, "WILL BE THE PRINCIPLES OF EQUALITY AND JUSTICE BETWEEN STATES, THE QUESTION OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC JUSTICE AND EQUALITY FOR AFRICANS IN SOUTH AFRICA, THE QUESTION OF DETENTE, AND THE EXAMINATION OF THE LEVEL OF ARMAMENTS IN THE WORLD AND IN RELATIONSHIP TO WORLD POVERTY. I HOPE YOU WILL BE UNITED UNDER ONE THEME - THE STRUGGLE TO DEFEAT IMPERIALISM." HE CONTINUED, "WE HAVE SEEN THAT FOR NEARLY ONE CENTURY THE PROGRESSIVE FORCES OF THE WORLD HAVE OVER AND OVER AGAIN PLACED MORE EMPHASIS ON POINTS OF DISAGREEMENT THAN ON THOSE THINGS ABOUT WHICH THEY CAN AGREE. WE HAVE SEEN IN THAT TIME REPEATED EXAMPLES OF THE FORCES OF IMPERIALISM AND THE REACTIONARY ELEMENTS IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS EXPLOITING THESE DIFFERENCES TO ACHIEVE THE EFFORT OF MAXIMISING DISUNITY IN THE PROGRESSIVE ELEMENTS OF THE WORLD."

4. JAMAICAN MINISTER OF YOUTH, SPORTS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, MR. HUGH SMALL, IS HEADING THE JAMAICA DELEGATION TO THE HAVANA CONFERENCE.
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